

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A canned pet food product comprising:

a base layer comprising solid food pieces in a gravy, the gravy comprising about 20% to about 40% by weight of the base layer; and

B3 an upper layer comprising a substantially solid foodstuff which is about 20% to about 80% by weight of the pet food product, wherein the base layer and the upper layer remain stratified before serving and the upper layer supports the base layer upon inversion.

Please amend Claim 9 as follows:

B4 9. (Amended) A product according to claim 1 in which the upper layer has a viscosity in the range of about 2500 to about 4000 centipoise during filling of the upper layer into the can.

Please amend Claim 10 as follows:

10. (Amended) A process for producing a canned pet food product having at least two layers, the process comprising:

filling a base layer comprising solid food pieces in a gravy into a can, the gravy having a viscosity in the range of about 350 to about 1000 centipoise and forming about 20% to about 40% by weight of the base layer;

B5 filling an upper layer into the can, the upper layer comprising a settable foodstuff having a viscosity in the range of about 2500 to about 4000 centipoise and, upon cooling, forming a substantially solid foodstuff, the settable foodstuff comprising about 20% to about 80% by weight of the upper and base layers wherein the base layer and the upper layer remain stratified in the can and the upper layer supports the base layer upon inversion;

sealing the can; and

retorting the sealed can.
